

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. The abstract of the specification has been amended to correct formal matters. Claim 1 has been amended to substantially include the subject matter of claims 3-5. Claims 2 and 10 have been amended to correct grammatical errors. Claim 11 has been added. The current amendments are supported, for instance, at page 10, lines 1-15 and in the drawings of Applicant's disclosure. No new matter has been added. Claims 3-5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Original claims 5 and 10 were considered allowable. Claims 1-2 and 6-11 are pending.

The abstract of the specification is objected to for informalities. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time in reviewing the disclosure. Applicant respectfully submits an amended abstract correcting the language pointed out by the Examiner. Particularly, the abstract has been amended to properly replace the occurrences of "said" with "the", as suggested by the Examiner.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following comments.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include a recitation of a "tank" of an aquarium. The amendment is supported, for instance in the Figures of Applicant's disclosure. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 2, 6-8 and 10 include proper antecedent basis. Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot with regard to these claims.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pucci (U.S. Patent No. 5,090,357). The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Frank (U.S. Patent No. 4,006,711). The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5 and previous dependent claims 3 and 4. Thus, Applicant

respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wenzel (U.S. Patent No. 3,059,691). The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 8 are allowable. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rudolph (U.S. Patent No. 6,422,175). The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 8 and 9 are allowable. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pucci (cited above). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following comments.

Claim 2 depends on claim 1, discussed above as being allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 also is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

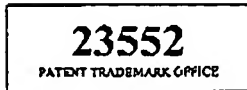
Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wenzel (cited above) in view of Terry et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,327,997). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following comments.

Claims 6 and 7 depend upon the base claim 1, discussed above as being allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6 and 7 also are allowable for at least the same reasons with respect to claim 1. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

With the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the claims now pending are in a condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any further questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.



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